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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION NEW DELHI FROM CALCUTTA MARCH 13TH  
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1. ACCODING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THERE WAS AN  
UNPLEASANT DEMONSTRATION IN PATNA MARCH 12 AT THE 75TH  
BIRTHDAY MEETING FOR J.P. NARAYAN, HELD ON THE LARGE  
GANDHI MAIDAN. J.P.WAS PRESENTED WITH A PURSE OF  
90 LAKHS OF RUPEES FOR HIS TRUST, TO BE UTILIZED IN THE  
BUILDING OF A NEW SOCIETY AND THE REALIZATION OF HIS  
CALL FOR TOTAL REVOLUTION." A GANG OF 500 YOUTHS BEGAN  
THROWING ROCKS AT THE DIAS, WHILE VOLUNTEERS THREW A  
PROTECTIVE RING AROUND JP AND COVERED HIS HEEAD WITH SHEETS.  
HE WAS NOT HURT BUT EVENTUALLY CUT SHORT HIS SPEECH,  
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SAYING ONLY A FEW SENTENCES.

2. WHAT APPEARS TO BE BEHIND THE RATHER WELL ORGANIZED  
DEMONSTRATION, WHICH INCLUDED INCIDENTS OF GHERAOING UNION  
DEFENSE MINISTER JAGJIVAN RAM AND OTHER NOTABLES HERE  
AND THERE AROUND THE TOWN, IS AN EFFORT BY AN UPPER CASTE  
ANTI-KARPOORI THAKUR DISSENTENT JANATA FACTION TO

DISCREDIT HIM AND HIS GOVERNMENT. THE OSTENSIBLE  
ISSUE WAS THAKUR'S ANNOUNCED PLAN TO RESERVE  
26 PERCENT OF ALL GOVERNMENT POSITIONS FOR BACKWARD TRIBES  
AND CASTES. THIS DISSIDENT GROUP IS LED BY  
JANATA M.P. RAMANAND TIWARY, WHO UNSUCCESSFULLY  
CONTESTED WITH THAKUR FOR THE CHIEF MINISTERSHIP.  
THERE IS NOW A NEW FRONT OF YOUTH AND STUDENTS, CALLED  
THE BIHAR STATE FORWARD LEAGUE, LED BY JANATA MLA  
RAMYATAN SINGH, WHO WENT TO THE NARAYAN MEETING TO  
PROTEST THIS RESERVATION OF JOBS. PREDICTABLY  
ANOTHER GROUP LATER DEMANDED THAKUR'S RESIGNATION  
BECAUSE OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO PREVENT THE  
MAIDAN INCIDENT, WHICH THIS GROUP BLAMED ON CPI AND  
CONGRESS (I) ELEMENTS.

3. COMMENT: THIS SORT OF GENERAL NASTINESS, BASED  
ON CASTE HATREDS AND RIVALRIES, IS ALL TO TYPICAL  
OF BIHAR POLITICS. IT IS A BIT SUPRISING AND REGRETTABLE  
THAT EVEN J.P. NARAYAN IS NOT EXEMPT FROM BEING A TARGET  
FOR SUCH GOONDA TACTICS. IRONICALLY, THE BIHAR CABINET  
HAD JUST CLEARED A PROPOSED "ANTI-GOONDA ACT", FOR  
SUBMISSION TO THE ASSEMBLY.  
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